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Janet Ledesma

## Ledesma guest edits award-winning journal issue

The *Journal of Adventist Education* won the Distinguished Achievement Award for Whole Publication Design for its theme issue, "Principalship and Administration" (Oct./Nov. 2012), from the Association of Educational

Publishers (AEP) on June 4. Janet Ledesma, associate professor of leadership and Educational Leadership coordinator, guest-edited and coordinated this issue.

Ledesma spent most of the 2012 spring semester assembling articles, arranging for peer review, conducting research, and doing editorial duties, including writing a guest editorial. Ledesma worked closely with *Journal of Adventist Education* editor Beverly Robinson-Rumble and leadership doctoral student Evelyn Savory to construct the issue.

"I am extremely grateful for Dr. Ledesma's assistance in bringing this project to fruition," says Robinson-Rumble, "as it had been stalled for several years, and I had nearly given up on ever getting the issue into print." Robinson-Rumble and Ledesma submitted the issue to both the Association of Educational Publishers and the Associated Church Press.

At the 2013 AEP Awards Gala, in June, in Washington D.C., Robinson-Rumble accepted the award, accompanied by Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, General Conference director of education, and Harry Knox, JAE art director. The *Journal of Adventist Education* also placed as a finalist in three categories: Learned Article, Whole Publication Design, and Feature Article.

The *Journal of Adventist Education* has won AEP awards on multiple occasions, including Distinguished Achievement Awards for separate articles, feature articles and entire publications.

The *Journal of Adventist Education*, begun in 1978, is a resource for Christian K-12 teachers, university professors and administrators of all levels. The *Journal* is published eight times annually, and includes practical and theoretical articles on praxis, pedagogy and integrating faith in the classroom.

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## School of Health Professions offers two new online degrees

The Andrews University School of Health Professions will offer two new online degrees this coming academic year: a Master of Public Health in Nutrition and Wellness and a B.S. completion program in Nursing.

The Department of Public Health & Wellness, formerly known as the Department of Nutrition & Wellness, has received approval from the Board of Trustees to offer a Master of Public Health in Nutrition and Wellness, beginning fall 2013.

This new program is the first and only online M.P.H. program in Nutrition and Wellness offered in the country. Also offered at a 50 percent tuition discount, this new program will prepare health professionals for service in the church

and community by building knowledge and skills necessary to enhance the health of human populations and promote a healthy lifestyle through personal and community efforts.

Emmanuel Rudatsikira, dean of the School of Health Professions, says employment opportunities are expected to grow by 37 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations (14 percent), according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"This prediction translates into about 23,200 new jobs for public health professionals during the next ten years," says Rudatsikira. "According to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), there are 62 accredited online public health programs in the United States. However, there are only two Master of Public Health programs in nutrition. Our program, with emphasis on vegetarian lifestyle and wellness, is unique and presently the only one of its kind."

For more information visit <http://www.andrews.edu/publichealth>.

Due to a growing demand for nurses with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Department of Nursing is offering an online B.S. completion program in Nursing, beginning spring semester 2014. Many hospitals and healthcare facilities now require that their nurses hold a B.S.N. in order to practice, and the industry estimates that by 2020, 80 percent of nurses will have a B.S.N.

The online program, offered at a 50 percent tuition discount, is a total of 125 credits, 68 of which come from a previously earned associate's degree. The remaining 57 credits can be completed in four semesters. Materials and other information are available at <http://www.andrews.edu/shp/nursing/programs/bs-nursing-completion>. For more information, contact Myrna Constantine at 800-877-2863 or email [myrnac@andrews.edu](mailto:myrnac@andrews.edu).

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